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AMENDMENT D

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 27, 2002, please amend

the above-identified Application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 26-36, without prejudice.

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the time and courtesy extended by the Examiner during the personal interview of January 23, 2003.

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As an additional preliminary matter, Applicants note that an acknowledgment of the receipt and consideration of the recently filed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), which was filed on January 21, 2003, has not been received. As an indication of consideration of the references cited in the IDS, Applicants respectfully request an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the IDS.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-12 and 19-25 have been allowed. With the cancellation of Claims 26-36, without prejudice, all of the pending claims have been allowed. Accordingly, an indication of the allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an additional interview would expedite prosecution, or if any outstanding issues exist.

Respectfully submitted,

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